(e) and (0 Telephone directories in regional languages are printed according to the demand. The next Kannada Telephone directory is to be printed based on the demand of the subscribers.

Installation of Telephone Connections in Village Pochanpur Extension, New Delhi

2002. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of persons have registered their name for installation of telephone connections under the scheme of Rs. 1500/- and the telephone authorities have given assurance to them that they will get telephone connections immediately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of persons from village Pochanpur Extension B-Block, Shyam Kunj, New Delhi who have registered themselves as on November, 1999 could not get telephone connections so far; and

(d) if so, by when the telephone connections are likely to be installed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CGMs of all the Telecom Circles including MTNL Delhi/Mumbai have been authorized to fix flexible registration charges on special occasions such as festivals etc. The scheme was operative in MTNL, Delhi & Mumbai and some of the other Telecom Circles such as Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, North-East, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh Telecom Circles and Kolkata Telephones. A good number of person have registered for new telephone connections in various parts of the country.

No assurance has been given for immediate provision of telephone connections. However, the connections are being provided as early as possible subject to technical feasibility.

(c) and (d) Sir, three persons have applied for new telephone connections to be installed in Village Pochanpur Extension, B-Block, Shyam Kunj, Delhi - 45 during the month of November, 1999. The telephone connections could not be provided due to area being technically non-feasible due to paucity of underground cable pairs.

Efforts are a foot to provide telephone connections by April 2000 to aforesaid three registrants.

Nalanda Exchange

2003. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that connectivity to Nalanda exchange remains disrupted quite often;

(b) whether Government are also aware that disruption continues for weeks together owing to the carelessness of the officers concerned;

(c) if so, the details of the period for which the connectivity remained disrupted during the last two months;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There was no disruption of connectivity during the last two months.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

However reliable media has already been provided for further improvement of services.

Clearance of waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh

2004. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of persons who are in the waiting list in the State as on 31.1.2000, district-wise;

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, At present, all the 27212 telephones are working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.